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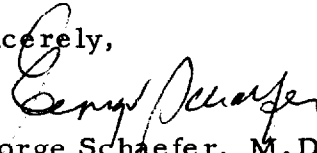
Dear Dr. Lederberg:

My article in "Mother's Manual" did not mean to imply that muscular dystrophy could be diagnosed by amniocentesis. The article from which I was quoting was "Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology" Vol. 13, March 1970 on "Recent Advances in Antenatal Diagnosis by Amniotic Fluid Analysis" by Fritz Fuchs and Lars Cederqvist.

The exact quote from their article is, "Antenatal sex determination can be used in the prevention of sex-linked hereditary disorders. The method does not permit a direct diagnosis of the diseases, but since only one sex, the male, with rare exceptions is suffering from the diseases the method permits more selective preventive measures. The most frequent of the severe sex-linked recessive orders are hemophilia, one form of muscular dystrophy and Hunter's disease."

Thank you for bringing this to my attention. I realize in re-reading this paragraph that this statement I made<sup>5</sup> ambiguous.

Sincerely,



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